

# Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition

For Every Child...  
A Place to Call Home

2008 at a Glance



## What we do

We believe that "Every Child Deserves a Place to Call Home." We fulfill this purpose by:

- 🏠 Finding foster/adoptive families for children in foster care
- 🏠 Supporting foster/adoptive families

## Our history

The Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition began in 1989 as an informal organization of foster care professionals seeking a solution to a common problem – finding more foster parents for the growing number of children in State custody. Today, the Coalition has 33 member agencies, is an award-winning organization, and is the most successful recruiter of foster/adoptive families in the region.

## What makes us unique

The Coalition

- 🏠 **Provides aggressive, multifaceted recruitment of adoptive families for waiting children**  
We find forever families for children when all other recruitment methods have failed.
- 🏠 **Support foster/adoptive parents**  
Foster/adoptive families that participate in our programs, trainings and services have a 98% retention rate, compared to 40% nationally. These efforts help families keep their homes open to children as long as possible.
- 🏠 **Serves all foster and adoptive families**  
Any foster or adoptive parent, no matter where they live in the St. Louis metro area or what agency provides their training and licensing, can participate in our programs or receive our services.
- 🏠 **Meets needs to fill gaps**  
We fill needs that other organizations do not or cannot provide. We look for gaps in state or private agency services and create programs or services to fill those needs.
- 🏠 **Enriches the lives of children in foster care**  
We provide programs, such as Little Wishes and Birthday Buddies, to make a child's time in foster care the best it can be.

## 2008 highlights

- 🏠 **Created Extreme Recruitment™**, an exciting and highly successful model to find adoptive families in only 12-20 weeks
- 🏠 **Awarded a federal grant**, in collaboration with the Missouri Children's Division, to expand Extreme Recruitment™
- 🏠 **Received the 2008 Angel in Adoption Award** from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption
- 🏠 **Developed 5-year strategic plan** to help guide the agency's rapid growth ([www.foster-adopt.org/StrategicPlan](http://www.foster-adopt.org/StrategicPlan))

Before I had no family to visit... now I have my grandpa.

Keith came into foster care at age five. Now 15 years old, he has lived a difficult life.

In February, our Extreme Recruitment™ investigator found Keith's grandfather. His grandfather, who is former military, is an exact replica of Keith in both looks and manner.

He is 100% committed to Keith, and they talk on the phone every day.

In less than two months, Keith's entire demeanor has changed, "Before I thought I had no family to visit. Now I have my grandpa."

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# Programs & Finances



## Our programs

Our recruitment efforts include: KSDK-TV's "A Place to Call Home," "A Child in Need," and Extreme Recruitment™. We provide a wide array of support programs for foster/adoptive families including: training, support groups, advocacy, educational supports, a resale shop, and Little Wishes.

## 2008 program outcomes

- 🏠 **94% of children** participating in Extreme Recruitment™ in 2008 were reconnected with safe, appropriate family and 69% were matched with a permanent family
- 🏠 **Of the 97 children served** 2008, 60 were matched with a permanent resource
- 🏠 **297 families** were served through the Case-Based Advocacy program
- 🏠 **168 families** referred for foster care/adoption licensure (123 in MO & 45 in IL)
- 🏠 **85% of inquiring families** said they called as a result of a Coalition-related outreach effort
- 🏠 **Over 4,200 gifts** were granted through the Little Wishes program
- 🏠 **575 Volunteers** worked with the Coalition or our member agencies
- 🏠 **321 individuals** received training at the Training Extravaganzas for a total of 2,407.5 training hours
- 🏠 **Over 150 kids** were helped through the Educational Advocacy Program

Disconnected by Distance...  
Discovered by Extreme Recruitment™

Coalition staff returned from Minneapolis saying the trip was a "home run!" They found Sharon, aunt of 14-year-old Serena.

Aunt Sharon lost connection with Serena ten years ago, after her niece entered the St. Louis foster care system. Greeting our Extreme Recruitment™ team with a big hug and tears of joy, Aunt Sharon exclaimed "I have been so worried about her!"

The visit was great, and Aunt Sharon's strength, wisdom, and commitment were obvious. Describing herself as the "glue of the family," Aunt Sharon will do all that she can to bring Serena home.

## Finances

Statement of Activities, for the year ending 12/31/08. For the complete audit and 990, visit [www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords](http://www.foster-adopt.org/financialrecords).

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| <u>Public Support and Revenue</u>                  |                         |
| Grants   | \$668,156               |
| United Way allocation                              | 161,195                 |
| Contributions                                      | 365,621                 |
| Special Events, net of direct expenses of \$14,908 | 97,758                  |
| Return on investment                               | 5,145                   |
| In-kind services and donated materials             | 1,049                   |
| Membership fees                                    | 1,500                   |
| Other income                                       | 11,374                  |
| Merchandise sales                                  | 5,093                   |
| <b>Total Public Support and Revenue</b>            | <b><u>1,316,891</u></b> |
| <u>Expenses</u>                                    |                         |
| Program services                                   |                         |
| Recruitment  | 595,870                 |
| Retention  | 379,611                 |
| Advocacy   | 4,402                   |
| <b>Total Program Services</b>                      | <b>979,883</b>          |
| Supporting services                                |                         |
| Management and general                             | 41,660                  |
| Fundraising  | 155,672                 |
| <b>Total Supporting Services</b>                   | <b>197,332</b>          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                              | <b><u>1,177,215</u></b> |
| <b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>                        | <b>139,676</b>          |
| <b>NET ASSETS, Beginning of year</b>               | <b>705,224</b>          |
| <b>NET ASSETS, End of year</b>                     | <b><u>\$844,900</u></b> |



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